

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 7 May 2019
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from April 2, 2019. Approved as amended.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Sign off request for demolition of garage for 69 Newland Road. This property is not on the Inventory. A sign off was sent to the Building Department.
 - b. Inquiry regarding window replacement for 7 Village Lane.
 - c. Sign off request for demolition for 329 Washington Street. This property is not on the Inventory. A sign off was sent to the Building Department.
 - d. Request for status of approval for House Marker from Beth Kass for 15 Village Lane.
 - e. Request for House Marker and email with documents for 252 Gray Street from Regan Winkler.
 - f. Request on how to obtain a House Marker for 84 Jason Street from Doreen Stevens. An email response was sent describing the process.
 - g. Message from Terry Sweet regarding the movement of a fence on the Locke School property at 88 Park Avenue.
 - h. Request to schedule a hearing for 30 Orvis Road.
 - i. Message from Arlington Historical Society regarding changes to the Smith Museum located in the Jason Russell House.
 - j. Message regarding 242 Gray Street. Not on the Inventory.
 - k. Request for House Marker for 83 Gray Street.
 - l. Message from Patricia Worden regarding the completion of the Inventory forms for the Arlington High School project.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Tuesday, May 28, 2019
Arlington on the Mystic...and to the Sea with Chuck Kraemer and Richard Duffy
The Mystic River and Lakes have a fascinating history of changes from the pre-Colonial era to the present day. The Arlington sections alone have been the scenes for sustenance, industry, recreation, transportation and conservation. Video and slides showcase the stories.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Funds from Town Day will be used to process and mail promised letters to new Inventory owners.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) – In June, discuss and prepare document to be ready to share with the public.

Historical Commission FY 2019 Budget- Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:

- 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
- 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
- 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
- 12 Schouler Court 11/17 1-year demolition delay.
- 418 Massachusetts Avenue 11/17- Stange- Check in planned.
- 65 Hillside Avenue 1/18- Robinson- Nothing to report.
- 36 Draper Avenue 4/18- Schaefer- Work continuing.
- 32 Kensington Road -5/18- Guthrie- Nothing to report.
- 81 Hillside Avenue- 9/18-Stange- Work continuing.
- 21 Teel Street-12/18- Guthrie- Work continuing.
- 44 Kensington Road-5/19- Stange- Added to the projects tonight following the hearing.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- Damage to side porch due to car accident. Plans in place for repairs.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Grand opening in the spring on May 18, 2019 with ribbon cutting. Celebration will take place in the garden.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: Request for House marker for 15 Village Lane, 252 Gray Street and 83 Gray Street. Motions were made to accept the research from home owners. The house marker for 15 Village Lane will read as William and Gabrielle Perry House. The house marker for 252 Gray Street will read as William Prentiss House. The house marker for 83 Gray Street will read as Horacio A. Phinney House. The motions were approved by all of the Commissioners. A request for information required to obtain a house marker was received by Doreen Stevens for 84 Jason Street. Research requirements were sent to the home owner.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm- Hearing- 44 Kensington Road

Ryan and Terrill Levering, owners; David Whitney, architect presented plans.

The plan was presented with pictures of current state of the house and drawings of the new design. The plan is to remove the jalousie window system and build an addition in its place. The wooden windows will be double hung. Painted cedar shingles will be used on the addition. The Commissioner's remarks addressed the proportions of the windows and to look at how the windows could be more complimentary to each other.

A motion was made to approve the plans as presented with the provision that the sitting room window sash will be three inches narrower than presented and the mullion centered. All Commissioners approved the motion. Commissioner Stange was appointed as the monitor for this project. The hearing closed at 8:27pm.

8:30pm- Hearing- 30 Orvis Road

Bob Hurley and John Byrne, owners and installers from Window World.

The plan presented would be to replace the existing shingles with a poly-coat composite material. The existing trim on the windows would be wrapped with poly-coat composite material. The Commissioner's remarks addressed the loss of detail, replication of window features, and lessening of shadow lines when the wrap is used. The Commissioners requested a continuation of the hearing on June 4, 2019 at 8:00pm. At this time the owners and the Window World representatives will bring a sample of the wrap.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:43pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be June 4, 2019 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.